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SUBJECT: U. S. STEEL INTEREST IN JORDAN

1. MR. PAUL GLASER, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS, U.S. STEEL CORPORATION, HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT AND EXPRESSED FIRM'S STRONG INTEREST IN JORDAN. USS IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN JORDANIAN PHOSPHATE AND COPPER DEPOSITS. COMPANY RECOGNIZES THAT THERE MUST BE SOME QUID PRO QUO IF THEY ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF JORDAN'S MINERAL POTENTIAL AND GLASER MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A REFINERY OR SUPER PHOSPHATE FACILITY IN JORDAN.

2. MR. GLASER WILL BE TRAVELLING TO JORDAN MARCH 25-27 AND WILL CALL AT EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT HAS PUT GLASER IN TOUCH WITH JIM ACTERHOFF IN WASHINGTON AND HAS MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS MEETING WITH KHALIL SALEM DURING KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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3. BELIEVE U.S. STEEL'S INTEREST IN JORDAN MIGHT POSSIBLY

REPRESENT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN EXPLOITATION OF JORDAN'S
MINERAL POTENTIAL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE
EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE DURING GLASER'S VISIT.

4. IT OCCURS TO US THAT CROWN PRINCE HASSAN MIGHT BE

INTERESTED IN THIS. EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER
BRINGING GLASER'S VISIT TO ATTENTION HRH. KISSINGER

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